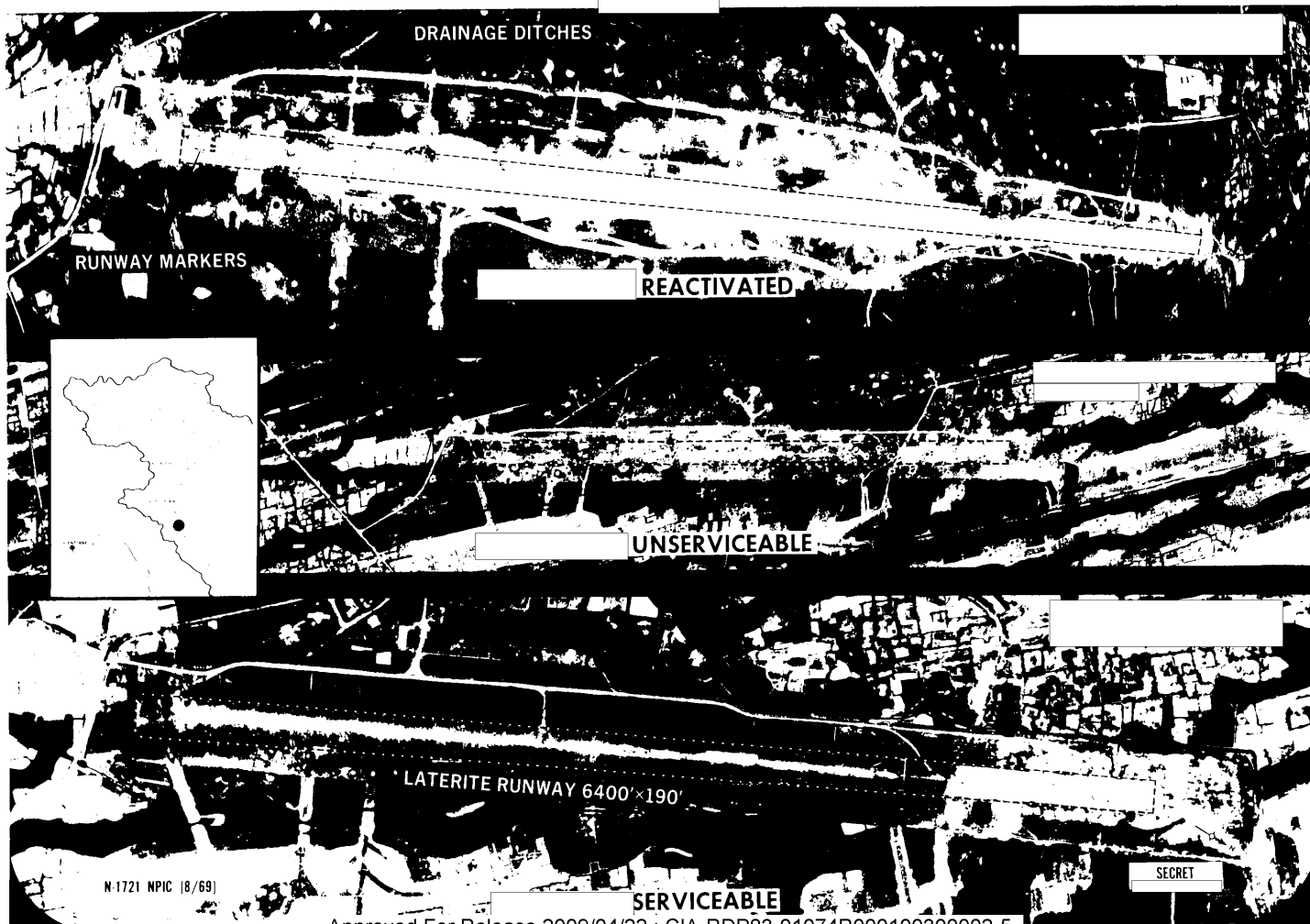


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**VINH AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
18-44N 105-40E**



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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

VINH AIRFIELD IS IMPORTANT TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE AS A POTENTIAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED TRANSPORT OPERATIONS OR AS A JET FIGHTER RECOVERY BASE. IT IS THE SOUTHERNMOST OPERATIONAL AIRFIELD IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

3.5 NM NORTH OF VINH

3. REMARKS:

THE RUNWAY AT VINH AIRFIELD HAS BEEN UNSERVICEABLE SINCE A NATURAL SURFACE STRIP PARALLELLIN(25X1
THE RUNWAY HAS BEEN INTERMITTENTLY SERVICEABLE SINCE
 RUNWAY REPAIR COMMENCED IN LATE 25X1
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4. COLLATERAL:

THE RUNWAY IN ITS PRESENT STATE OF REPAIR IS SERVICEABLE TO LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND PROBABLY TO JET AIRCRAFT. FURTHER REPAIR ACTIVITY MIGHT INCLUDE EFFORTS TO ROLL OR COMPACT THE RUNWAY SURFACE, IMPROVE THE TAXIWAYS AND PARKING REVETMENTS, AND DELINEATE THE RUNWAY PERIMETERS.

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5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: RUNWAY DIMENSIONS ARE 6400 X 190 FEET NW/SE.

6. MISSION READOUT: LOW LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY OF [] REVEALS THAT THE 25X1
RUNWAY AT VINH AIRFIELD IS NOW SERVICEABLE (TOP PHOTO). ALL THE CRATERS IN
THE RUNWAY HAVE BEEN FILLED AND THE SCRAPING ACTIVITY IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES.
THE WESTERN SHOULDER OF THE RUNWAY PREVIOUSLY USED AS A CRUDE LANDING STRIP
(MIDDLE PHOTO) HAS BEEN RETURNED TO ITS FORMER FUNCTION AND ITS DRAINAGE
DITCHES HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED AND MADE OPERATIONAL.

NUMEROUS TRUCKS AND PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED IN THE
AREA.



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